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SYNTHESIS OF MATTE BEADS  
CONTAINING CARBOXYLIC ACID  
AND THEIR USE IN  
PHOTOGRAPHIC ELEMENTS

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**REPLY**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 21, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 5, 13 and 22.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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- 1. A process for making polymeric particles comprising:  
polymerizing ethylenically unsaturated monomers as a dispersed phase suspended in an aqueous phase,  
wherein the ethylenically unsaturated monomers comprise at least one monomer A and at least one monomer B, wherein monomer A is a water soluble ethylenically unsaturated monomer containing a carboxylic acid group and monomer B is a water-insoluble ethylenically unsaturated monomer,  
said aqueous phase containing a water-insoluble particulate stabilizer having a size of less than 100 nm and an effective amount of water-soluble inorganic salt to allow formation

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